

### REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter contained in claims 3-4 and 9-10.

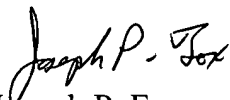
Claims 1-2, 5-8, and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marukawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,836,511). In response, Applicants amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4, amended independent claim 7 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 10, and amended independent claim 13 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the §103 rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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